



PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, January 8, 2015

City of Sammamish Council Chambers

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ryan Kohlmann

Mike Collins

Cynthia Krass

Mahbubul Islam

Michael Luxenberg

Frank Blau

Philip Cherian

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kohlmann called the Sammamish Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA – Approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: 12/4/2014 & 12/11/2014 - Approved

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director

Emily Arteché, Senior Planner

Robin Proebsting, Associate Planner

Deborah Munkberg, Studio 3MW

Debbie Beadle, Community Development

PUBLIC COMMENT – Non Agenda

None Given

VIEW OF WORK PROGRAM CALENDAR

Emily Arteché, Senior Planner open the meeting and reminded the Commission on the scheduled with regard to the forthcoming final Open House on January 20th, here at the City of Sammamish. This would be the last opportunity for the public to comment on the Comprehensive Plan.

The City Council Agenda was also advised and would commence discussion at their March 10th 2015 meeting. For the Planning Commission January meetings on 08, 15 and 22nd January the Commission would begin a final review of all the draft goals and policies on the Comprehensive Plan. Deliberations would follow at the February 5 and February 19th Planning Commission meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Complied Plan Review Work Session

Deborah Munkberg, Consultant Studio 3MW commenced with discussion on the additional packet material issued called “What verb to use in a policy?” This document would be taken in account during the process of the review.

The commission commenced reviewing the following elements within the complied Comprehensive Plan

Housing Element

- Goal H.1 - Neighborhood Vitality and Character
- Goal H.2 - Housing Supply and Variety
- Goal H.3 – Housing Affordability
- Goal H.4 – Housing for People with special needs
- Goal H.5 - Regional Collaboration
- Goal H.6 - Monitoring

Utilities Element

- Goal UT.1 - Promote and encourage development and maintenance of all utilities at levels of service adequate to accommodate existing and projected growth.
- Goal UT.2 Support coordination with service providers to minimize cost and service disruption.
- Goal UT.3 Encourage placement, siting and design of utilities to support community character and promote with service providers to minimize cost and service disruption
- Goal UT.4 Facilitate citywide utility services that are consistent, reliable, equitable, and financially sustainable
- Goal UT.5 Encourage the use of innovative measures and new technologies to reduce overall demand and enhance service to the city residents
- Goat UT.6 Conserve water and protect water quality.

Environment & Conservation

- Goal EC.1 – Service as a leader in environmental stewardship of the natural environment for current and future generations.
- Goal EC.2 – Protect people, property and the environment in areas of natural hazards.
- Goal EC.3 – Protect wetlands from encroachment and degradation and encourage wetland restoration.
- Goal EC.4 – Protect and promote a diversity of plant and animal species and habitat in Sammamish.
- Goal EC.5 – Maintain and protect surface water and groundwater resources that serve the community and enhance the quality of life.
- Goal EC.6 - Protect clean air for present and future generations.
- Goal EC.7 – Be a regional leader in mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- Goal EC.8 – Increase the sustainability and efficiency of building practices in Sammamish.
- Goal EC.9 – Maintain and improve the City’s forested character.

Commission Break at 8:07pm

Commission Reconvened at 8:12pm

Staff /Consultant continued reviewing the additional document referenced as the City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan Rewrite January 2015 – Outstanding Comments

Discussion on the following item would take place at the 01/15/2015 meeting with regard to Tree Retention

<p>Tree Retention</p> <p>1. The following amendments were discussed by the Planning Commission at their December 11, 2014 meeting and are being brought back for review and confirmation/revision.</p> <p><u>Land Use Element</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy LU 3. #: Develop incentives to prioritize the retention of high value trees including heritage and/or landmark trees.	<p>Recommendation: Prepare revised policy language based on Planning Commission direction.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy LU 6.#: Promote a citywide tree canopy coverage of X%. <p><u>Environment & Conservation Element</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy EC 4.#: Encourage the use of a diversity of species for replanting and restoration. • Policy EC 9.#: Prioritize restoration and enhancement of environmentally critical areas and buffers, with the aim of enhancing ecosystem function. • Policy EC 9.#: Allow off-site options for replanting and restoration in order to meet tree retention requirements and achieve tree canopy coverage. • Policy EC 9.#: Develop regulatory penalties for unauthorized tree removal. 	
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Public Comment – 7 minutes

Bob Braeutigam 2640 261st Avenue SE, Issaquah

Commissioner Mahbubul Islam Resign

Commission Islam will be resigning from the Sammamish Planning Commission in January 2015, a year before his term expires. He advised that he has been appointed to the Board of Commission of the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, effective January 2015, which has necessitated him to reflect upon his volunteer workload and time commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 8.41pm
Chair: Ryan Kohlmann

PC Coordinator: Debbie Beadle

(Video Audio record 01/08/2015)

Roberts Rules of Order Applies: [RONR (10TH ed.), p. 451, l. 25-28]